



**Butterfly
Conservation**

Saving butterflies, moths and our environment

Annual General Meeting and Members' Day



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Saturday 19 November 2011

**Cheltenham Racecourse
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 4SH**

Hosted by Gloucestershire Branch

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Programme

Saturday 19th November

- 09:30 *Registration, refreshments and opportunity to visit stalls*
- 10:00 **Welcome to the day's events**
Butterfly Conservation Chairman
- 10:05 **Annual General Meeting**
- 11:10 **Butterfly Conservation Volunteer Awards**
- 11:30 *Refreshments and opportunity to visit stalls*
- 12:00 **Welcome from Sue Smith, Chair of Gloucester Branch**
- 12:10 **The M&S and Butterfly Conservation partnership**
Mike Barry, Head of Sustainable Business, M&S
- 12:30 **The state of butterflies in the UK: the results of the BNM survey 2005-9**
Jim Asher, Council member and Chair of Conservation Committee
- 12:50 **Crystal the Small Miracle: Engaging children with butterflies**
Sonia Copeland Bloom
- 13:00 *Lunch and opportunity to visit stalls*
- 14:30 **Studies of Fritillaries in Gloucestershire**
Matthew Oates, Nature Advisor to National Trust
- 15:00 **Conserving butterflies and moths in the south-east woods**
Dr Dan Hoare, BC Regional Officer, SE England
- 15:30 *Refreshments and opportunity to visit stalls – raffle to be drawn*
- 16:00 **Marsh Awards**
- 16:20 **Mike Dilger, BC Vice President and presenter on the One Show (title tbc)**
- 17:10 **Closing remarks – BC Chairman**
- 17:15 *Depart*

Annual General Meeting - Agenda

Notification of the meeting of Butterfly Conservation

- 1 To receive any apologies for absence
- 2 To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on 20 November 2010
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Annual Report – Chairman’s report to members
- 5 Treasurer’s Report to members and adoption of the Annual Report & Consolidated Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 March 2011
- 6 To appoint Buzzacott LLP as Auditor and to authorise Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing year
- 7 Chief Executive Officer’s Report
- 8 Council Elections

The longest serving five members of Council are required to stand down from office at each AGM. If they have served for less than nine years they are eligible for re-election along with any other BC members wishing to stand for election. Please see the election addresses on pages 4 and 5.

Members have the right to appoint a proxy, forms can be found on page 7. Completed proxy forms must be received at BC’s Head Office no later than 48 hours before the AGM.

Additional Information

There is no requirement to book or pre-order lunch for this year’s AGM and Members’ Day.

Lunch: A selection of hot and cold snacks will be available to purchase on the day.

Coffee/Tea: Coffee and tea will be available to purchase throughout the day.

Raffle: Gloucestershire Branch will organise a raffle to be drawn during the afternoon refreshment break. Tickets can be purchased from the Branch stand during the day.

Accommodation: The Cheltenham Tourist Information Centre can offer advice on accommodation in the area – www.visitcheltenham.com or telephone 01242 522878.

(Please note: Butterfly Conservation cannot be held responsible, or accept any liability for complaints or claims arising from accommodation bookings made via the Cheltenham TIC)

Council Election Addresses



Maurice Avent Proposed by Hugo Brooke

A lifelong love of wildlife in general and particularly butterflies and moths, culminated in my becoming a Life Member. Upon my commercial retirement, the knowledge gained in growing a pipeline business and farming organic beef, has been utilised by my acting as a volunteer Trustee from November 2003 and as Chairman for three years.

Development Board fundraising activities have been organised, including the profitable Fortieth Anniversary Ball. My role, if re-elected as a Council member, will be to support the executive as they maintain Society integrity, raising awareness by education, increasing funds by marketing and enlarging membership, whilst extending our conservation message.

My experience of farming for the environment, butterflies and moths, gives an invaluable background to assist our Society in its objective of landscape scale conservation. It has been a privilege to be involved so far and I would value the opportunity to continue raising members enjoyment by sharing my enthusiasm.



Peter Bradbury Proposed by David Dennis

My background and main qualification is in Finance, and I have been a Finance Director with various organisations within the private sector, since 1989. I am also a qualified marketer.

In March 2007 I was appointed CFO for Arthritis Research UK and the knowledge gained of the charity sector has helped me with the input that I have been able to provide to Butterfly Conservation in the last three years. I am now also a member of their Investment Committee.

I am very interested in benchmarking and best practice, so see finance and effective administration as being critical to organisational success.

I have enjoyed a deep interest in butterflies since childhood and with my family, have been members of Butterfly Conservation for 18 years.

Our leisure time is mainly focused on visiting nature reserves, and we have a growing interest in moths.

In due course, I hope to be able to devote more voluntary time to Butterfly Conservation both nationally and locally.



Roger Dobbs Proposed by Maurice Avent

I graduated in food technology in 1968. I spent 30 years as a research and development manager with SmithKline Beecham working on food, drinks, toiletries and medicines.

I have been a trustee of the Berks., Bucks. And Oxon. Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) since 1992 and its Vice-Chair since 2001. I became a trustee of the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) in 2004 and its Honorary Secretary in 2005. RSWT is the 'umbrella' body representing all the 47 independent wildlife trusts in the British Isles. I will step down from both these trustee posts in November 2011. However, I plan to remain active in BBOWT as the volunteer reserve warden of Bowden Woods, a 135 acre woodland reserve in Berkshire, where my wife and I have also carried out a butterfly transect for 25 years.

If elected as a trustee, I will try to help make Butterfly Conservation even more successful.

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Michael Johnston Proposed by Maurice Avent

With a strong business background and a passion for wildlife and the environment, I would relish the opportunity of building on the terrific achievements of our current board.

A journalist by training, I run 60 newspapers in Scotland and North East England as well as two national titles, The Scotsman and Scotland on Sunday. My company is active in the digital world with websites, apps and mobile services.

Beyond the experience of running businesses in challenging times, I hope I can benefit Butterfly Conservation through my practical knowledge of lobbying national and local government. As president of the Scottish Newspaper Society, I meet with MPs, MSPs and ministers regularly.

I am familiar with governance issues facing bodies like Edinburgh International Festival.

Aged 49, I live with my partner Claire in Edinburgh and I have four children.



Sue Smith Proposed by Maurice Avent

Sue Smith has been interested in butterflies for 20 years and has been Chairperson of the Gloucestershire Branch for the last five. She has given talks to many people throughout Gloucestershire about butterflies and has raised the profile of these insects in the county during her time on the branch committee.

Throughout her life Sue has spent much time as a volunteer to various organisations and charities and was employed to organise other volunteers at a local hospice for several years. She currently works part time at the Royal Agricultural College as a Courses Administrator.

It was, in fact, the little Duke of Burgundy on Rodborough Common which sparked the original interest – assignations on the common with a duke sounded rather appealing - and to this day the duke continues to enthral with its early emergence and double brood on the same site. This interest in butterflies and moths has now become a life-long fascination and Sue would feel very honoured to serve on Council to help perpetuate and promote these insects and their lifestyles (dukes or not!).



Dr Simon Spencer Proposed by Mike Williams

I have been interested in butterflies since I was seven and made the mistake of spoiling a great hobby by becoming a professional entomologist involved in pest control.

I have lived on a smallholding in Wales since 1975. I was county recorder for Montgomeryshire for many years and worked as a butterfly consultant in Wales for nearly 20 years while also working in IT. Now retired, I act as a volunteer consultant to a local butterfly project. I am actively engaged in studying butterflies in Europe and travel extensively. I chair Butterfly Conservation's European Interest Group and lead survey expeditions usually in collaboration with local partners.

This will be my third term on BC Council and I hope my interests in agriculture, economics and the environment have been of benefit to the organisation.

Prestbury Hill Reserve Walk

Sunday 20 November



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Taken at Oakley Woods

There will be an organised walk on the Sunday morning starting at 10:30am

The walk will meet at the Bill Smyllie section of Prestbury Hill Reserve, (grid reference S099324), which is close to Cleeve Hill approximately 4 miles from Cheltenham. This reserve has two areas of limestone grassland, high on the Cotswold scarp slope, East of Cheltenham and there are marvellous views across the Severn Vale and beyond.

Butterflies common to the reserve in summer.....

Duke of Burgundy • Large Skipper • Brown Argus • Chalkhill Blue • Small Blue • Green Hairstreak • Dark Green Fritillary • Marbled White • Grayling • Small Copper • Small Heath • Speckled Wood • Comma • Small Tortoiseshell • Peacocks • Meadow Brown

Notable flowers when in season.....

Musk Orchid • Bee Orchid

The reserve has a very rich mix of limestone and neutral grassland types, with small areas of heath where thin deposits of ancient windblown sands overlie the Oolitic limestone. The southern half of the reserve, known as the Bill Smyllie Reserve, extends southwards as a narrow valley containing thickets of scrub. It is separated by a beech plantation from the northern half of the reserve, known as the Masts Field, which is within the Cleeve Common Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Area: 31 hectares (77 acres)

DIRECTIONS

•From the A40 east of Cheltenham turn off into Whittington village. Turn west at the T-junction, then north-west just past Whalley Farm and follow the road northwards. The minor "no-through road" to the communications masts on the southern edge of Cleeve Common gives access to both areas of the reserve.

•**Public Transport:** Take the bus from Cheltenham town centre to Prestbury. There is then a 2km (uphill!) walk up a bridleway. Cheltenham town centre can be accessed by bus from Cheltenham railway station.

•Entrances and parking at SO 993 244 and SO 994 247. All parts of the reserve are Open Access land and various footpaths and bridleways cross the site. The Cotswold Way also provides access to the Masts Field and crosses the Bill Smyllie reserve. Please take care on the steep slopes.

Any members wishing to participate in this walk can register their interest on the day of the AGM at the Gloucestershire Branch stand.

Proxy Form

Do NOT complete this form if you will be attending the AGM in person and will be voting on the resolutions.

Voting

You can direct your proxy on how to vote at the AGM by placing an 'X' in the 'for', 'against' or 'abstain' boxes below, alternatively you may submit your form blank allowing your proxy to use their discretion when casting your vote(s).

If you have a joint membership, both of you may complete a proxy form. If you would like an additional proxy form please contact Stella Brading on 01929 406012.

Completed proxy forms must be received at BC's Head Office no later than 48 hours before the AGM.

<p>I, _____</p> <p>of _____</p> <p>In the county of _____</p> <p>Being a member of Butterfly Conservation ("BC"), hereby appoint _____ of _____ or failing him/her _____ of _____</p> <p>As my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of BC to be held on the 19th day of November 2011, and at any adjournment thereof.</p> <p>Signed _____</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>Membership Number _____</p>	<p>RESOLUTIONS</p> <p>1. Approve minutes of last AGM</p> <p>2. Approve Annual Report and Financial Statements</p> <p>3. Approve appointment of Auditors</p> <p>4. Council Elections 2011</p> <p>Maurice Avent</p> <p>Peter Bradbury</p> <p>Roger Dobbs</p> <p>Michael Johnston</p> <p>Sue Smith</p> <p>Dr Simon Spencer</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>For</th> <th>Against</th> <th>Abstain</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	For	Against	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Unless instructed the proxy will vote as he/she thinks fit.

Please return completed proxy forms to: Butterfly Conservation, Manor Yard, East Lulworth, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 5QP - to arrive no later than 48 hours before the AGM.

